

Broomfield Xeriscape Demonstration Garden

Patriotic Garden

Xeric Level:  Moderately xeric

Irrigation: The irrigation in this garden is comprised of a system of “bubblers.” Similar in concept to drip irrigation, water is delivered to each plant.

Mulch: The mulch used in this garden is from the City and County of Broomfield’s tree recycling program. It is applied at a depth of 2-3 inches to curtail weed growth. No weed fabric has been used under the mulch in order to promote the spread of the plants and to allow the mulch to break down and incorporate into the soil.

Featured Plants:

With so many different plants from which to choose when planning a garden, how do you narrow down the plant palette? The site’s physical characteristics – sun/shade, size, etc. – is one filter. The garden’s function is another (pollinator garden, sensory garden). Color is another garden design consideration. The color theme for this garden is patriotic – red, white and blue.

Caryopteris clandonensis Dark Knight – Dark Knight Blue Mist Spirea: This shrub reaches about two feet in height and brings a fresh look to the garden in late summer with wonderful blue flowers. The stems often die to the ground in our cold winters but the shrub pushes new growth from the base each year. Pruning should be done in early spring.

Leucanthemum – Shasta Daisy: Some of the “white” in the theme is provided by white Shasta daisies. They prefer full sun but will tolerate a bit of shade, and they only require supplemental water about once a week if provided a bit of shade.

Rosa ‘Meidiland Red’ - Red Rose: This is a very low-maintenance groundcover rose. There are several colors in the Meidiland series. Flower Carpet is another reliable series of groundcover roses.

Hyacinths orientalis ‘Blue Jacket’ – Hyacinths: Most true bulbs work well in a water-wise garden. They appreciate the lower moisture as there is less chance of decay.